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REF: A) KINSHASA 9318, 29 AUG 78
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1. SUBJECT CABLE UPDATED REF A. COMMODITY SPECIFICATIONS (REF A) AND

BANKS (REF B) CONFIRMED BY LETTER FROM MINISTRY OF PLAN TO CENTRAL
BANK, DTD 31 AUG 1978. THIS LETTER SPECIFIES ST. JOHNS INTERNATIONAL

AS PURCHASING AND SHIPPING AGENT.

2. FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED:

A) BOTH MIDEMA AND MINISTRY OF PLAN AGREE THAT MILL SHOULD BE
OPERATED AT MAXIMUM CAPACITY -- 450 MT PER DAY. THUS, FIRST WHEAT SHIP-

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MENT SHOULD DEPART U.S. PORT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SINCE 15 TO 23 DAYS
REQUIRED FROM GULF PORT TO MATADI AND MILL STOCKS WILL BE VERY LOW.
SHIP ALREADY IN TRANSIT SHOULD BE DIVERTED TO MATADI IF POSSIBLE. FIRST

SHIP SHOULD CONTAIN ONLY 7,000 TO 8,000 MT SO DRAFT WILL BE SUCH THAT

CAN PROCEED DIRECTLY UP RIVER TO MATADI AND AVOID LIGHTERING PROMFSS

WHICH TAKES ABOUT ONE WEEK. IDEALLY, FOUR OTHER SHIPS WOULD CONTAIN 8,000 MT EACH AND ONE SHIP 10,000 MT. SHIP CONTAINING 12,000 MT TO 15,000 MT CAN BE ACCOMMODATED IF IT ARRIVES QUICKLY SO AS TO ALLOW TIME FOR LIGHTERING, BUT LIGHTERING IS EXPENSIVE AND SHOULD BE AVOIDED

IF POSSIBLE. ENOUGH WHEAT SHOULD DEPART EACH TWO TO THREE WEEKS TO KEEP MILL SUPPLIED WITH 450 MT PER DAY. THIS SHOULD BE COORDINATED WITH ARRIVAL 10,000 MT OF EC AID WHEAT PROGRAMMED FOR CY 1979. WE UNABLE TO GET ESTIMATED ARRIVAL DATE EC WHEAT BUT IS UNLIKELY TO MATTER BECAUSE MILL STORAGE CAPACITY IS 14,000 MT AND ONLY 9,000 MT IN STORAGE NOW. ONLY OTHER WHEAT IN PIPELINE IS SMALL QUANTITY CANADIAN AID WHEAT (REF A). THUS, STORAGE WILL BE EMPTLY OR NEARLY EMPTY BY END SEPTEMBER. MILL NOW RUNNING ONLY 25 PERCENT CAPACITY. HENCE, EVEN IF EC WHEAT SHOULD ARRIVE SAME TIME AS PL 480 WHEAT, ONE OF THE OTHER COULD BE USED TO REPLENISH STOCKS. CONTINENTAL GRAIN, NEW YORK, WHICH OWNS MIDEMA) IS IN BEST POSITION TO RECOMMEND SHIPPING

AND ARRIVAL DATES.

B) MIDEMA WILL BE THE SOLE IMPORTER OF WHEAT. CAISSE DE STABILISATION COTONAIRE WILL BE SOLE IMPORTER COTTON. BAT ZAIRE WILL IMPORT \$1.5 MILLION TOBACCO AND TABAZAIRE \$2.5 MILLION. RICE IMPORTERS YET TO BE NAMED.

3. PER REF B, RICE PA'S NOT TO BE ISSUED UNTIL U.S. APPROVES GOZ DISTRIBUTION PLAN. THIS PLAN NOW BEING PREPARED.
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4. THE DEPARTMENT OF PLAN HAS GIVEN ITS ASSURANCE THAT GOZ WILL MAKE

AVAILABLE ALL FUNDS REQUIRED BY U.S. BANKS TO OPEN LETTERS OF CREDIT. A CIRCULAR LETTER IS BEING SENT TO ALL BANKS INVOLVED THIS WEEK GIVING

THEM PERMISSION TO OPEN LETTERS OF CREDIT.
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